



# HIV update : 2020

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## Objectives

- Discuss COVID-19 in people with HIV (PWH)
- Recognize currently recommended therapies for PWH
- Report new HIV therapy options
- Identify current HIV prevention plan



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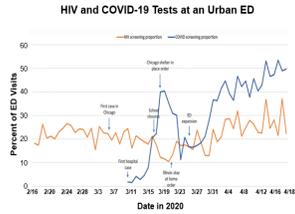






### Routine Screening for HIV During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Urban ED preparations
  - Established a large temporary space for screening, testing, and treatment of patients with influenza-like illness who were considered likely to be discharged home
  - Continued HIV screening of patients was incorporated into the design of this secondary ED space, with a station for lab draws designated for HIV screening
- HIV testing (percent of ED visits) was maintained during first 1.5 months
  - Through 4/18: 6 persons tested positive for HIV
- It is important to maintain HIV screening and linkage to care, even in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - HIV elimination initiatives nationwide require expansion and intensification of HIV screening and linkage to care efforts




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### ART for People with HIV and COVID-19

- To date, there is no clear evidence suggesting a benefit of a particular HIV antiretroviral regimen in people with COVID-19 and HIV
- People should not have their HIV regimen changed or have antiretrovirals added in order to prevent or treat COVID-19

DHHS.gov. Interim Guidance for COVID-19 and Persons with HIV. Available at <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/guidelines/covid-19-and-persons-hiv-interim-guidance/interim-guidance-covid-19-and-persons-hiv>




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### DHHS Interim Guidance for COVID-19 and PWH

- Disease course of COVID-19 in persons with HIV does not differ from that in persons without HIV (based on limited data)
  - It is not yet known whether advanced HIV infection (ie, CD4 cell count <200/mm<sup>3</sup>) is a risk factor for complications of COVID-19
- Comorbidities (eg, CVD or lung disease) in persons with HIV increase the risk for a more severe course of COVID-19 illness
  - This includes chronic smokers
- Until more is known, additional caution for all persons with HIV, especially those with advanced HIV or poorly controlled HIV, is warranted
- Influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations should be kept up to date
- Persons with HIV should follow all applicable CDC recommendations to prevent COVID-19 (eg, social distancing, proper hand hygiene)
  - DHHS, June 19, 2020. <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines/covid-19-and-persons-hiv-interim-guidance/interim-guidance-covid-19-and-persons-hiv>




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### DHHS Interim Guidance for COVID-19 and PWH: Antiretroviral Therapy

- Persons with HIV should
  - Maintain on-hand ≥30-day supply, and ideally a 90-day supply, of medications
  - Consider changing to mail order delivery of medications when possible
  - If a regimen switch is planned, consider delaying the switch until close follow-up and monitoring are possible
- Persons with HIV should not switch their ART regimens or add antiretroviral drugs to their regimens for the purpose of preventing or treating SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Clinic/Laboratory Monitoring Visits Related to HIV Care
  - Weigh risks/benefits of attending versus not attending in-person, HIV-related clinic visits
    - Consider extent of local COVID-19 transmission, health needs to be addressed during the appointment, HIV status, and overall health
  - Consider telephone/virtual visits for routine or non-urgent care/adherence counseling
  - If virally suppressed and in stable health, routine medical and laboratory visits should be postponed to the extent possible




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### Telehealth

#### Pros

- Convenient
  - Eliminate costs/difficulties of transportation
  - No need for childcare
  - Less time off work needed
- May enable better medication reconciliation
- Many insurances now reimbursing

#### Cons

- Concerns re: client confidentiality
- Many providers lack telehealth with equipment to allow patient exam
- May exacerbate social disparities
  - Lacking phone or computer
  - Low health literacy or technology literacy
- Problems with internet connections
- Lack of face to face interactions which can negatively affect patient-provider rapport





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### DHHS Interim Guidance for COVID-19 and Persons With HIV: Pregnant Individuals and Children

- **Pregnant Individuals With HIV**
  - Limited information on pregnancy/maternal outcomes
  - Possible increased susceptibility to viral respiratory infections, including COVID-19
  - Adverse pregnancy outcomes were noted in a small series of pregnant women with COVID-19 (also seen with SARS and MERS infections during pregnancy)
  - Vertical transmission of COVID-19: no (limited data)
  - Department of Health and Human Services. Interim guidance for COVID-19 and persons with HIV. June 18, 2020. <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines/>
- **Children With HIV**
  - Limited data indicates children appear less likely to become severely ill with COVID-19 than older adults
  - Subpopulations of children may be at increased risk of more severe COVID-19
    - Non-COVID-19 coronaviruses: younger age, underlying pulmonary pathology, and immunocompromising conditions were associated with more severe outcomes
  - All immunizations should be up to date (including influenza and pneumococcal vaccines)




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### DHHS: Guidance for Persons With HIV

#### In Self-Isolation or Quarantine Due to SARS-CoV-2 Exposure

- Healthcare workers should
  - Verify that patients have adequate supplies of all medications and expedite additional drug refills as needed
  - Devise a plan to evaluate patients if they develop COVID-19-related symptoms, including for possible transfer to a healthcare facility for COVID-19-related care
- Persons with HIV should
  - Contact their healthcare provider to report that they are self-isolating or in quarantine
  - Inform their healthcare provider how much ARV medications and other essential medications they have on hand

#### With Fever or Respiratory Symptoms and Are Seeking Evaluation and Care

- Healthcare workers should
  - Follow CDC recommendations, as well as state and local health department guidance on infection control, triage, diagnosis, and management
- Persons with HIV should
  - Follow CDC recommendations regarding symptoms
  - Call clinic in advance before presenting to care providers
  - Use respiratory/hand hygiene/cough etiquette (face mask)
  - If they present to a clinic or an emergency facility without calling in advance, alert staff of symptoms

Department of Health and Human Services. Interim guidance for COVID-19 and persons with HIV. June 19, 2020. <https://www.hiv.gov/guidelines>

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### DHHS: Guidance for Managing Persons With HIV Who Develop COVID-19

#### Hospitalization Is not Necessary

- Persons with HIV should
  - Manage symptoms at home with supportive care for symptomatic relief
  - Maintain close communication with their healthcare provider and report if symptoms progress (eg, sustained fever for >2 days, new shortness of breath)
  - Continue their ARV therapy and other medications, as prescribed

#### Hospitalized

Persons with HIV should

- Continue ART
  - If on balizumab IV q2 weeks: arrange with hospital provider to continue without interruption
  - If on investigational ARV medication: arrange with investigational study team to continue if possible
- Avoid ARV drug substitutions
  - If substitution is necessary, refer to DHHS guidelines on ARV drugs that can be switched for persons with HIV in disaster areas
- Critically ill patients who require tube feeding, some ARV medications are available in liquid formulations and some, but not all, pills may be crushed

DHHS. June 19, 2020. <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/guidelines/covid-19-and-persons-hiv-interim-guidance>

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### DHHS: Guidance for Managing PWH With COVID-19

- Investigational/marketed drugs being evaluated may be available via compassionate use or off-label use
- For patients receiving COVID-19 treatment
  - Assess DDI potential with ART
- When available, clinicians may consider enrolling patients in a clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of experimental treatment for COVID-19
  - Persons with HIV should not be excluded from these trials
  - Clinicaltrials.gov is a useful resource to find studies investigating potential treatments for COVID-19

DHHS. June 19, 2020. <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/guidelines/covid-19-and-persons-hiv-interim-guidance>

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### Phase 3 COVID-19 Vaccine Trials That Include PWH

|                                  | Mechanism  | Sponsor  | ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier             |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| AZD1222                          | Replication deficient viral vector vaccine (adenovirus from chimpanzees) | University of Oxford, AstraZeneca  | NCT04516746                               |
| CoronaVac                        | Inactivated vaccine (formalin with alum adjuvant)                        | Sinovac  | NCT04582344                               |
| JNJ-78436735                     | Non-replicating viral vector   | Johnson & Johnson  | NCT04505722                               |
| mRNA-1273                        | mRNA-based vaccine   | Moderna  | NCT04470427                               |
| NVX-CoV2373                      | Nanoparticle vaccine   | Novavax  | Conducted in UK (EudraCT 2020-004123-16)  |
| Bacillus-Calmette-Guerin vaccine | Live attenuated vaccine  | University of Melbourne and Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Radboud University Medical Center, Faustman Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital | NCT04414267<br>NCT04534803<br>NCT04327206 |
| BNT162b2                         | mRNA-based vaccine   | Pfizer, BioNTech   | NCT04368728                               |




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### Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

**GOAL:**

HHS will work with each community to establish local teams on the ground to tailor and implement strategies to:

75% reduction in new HIV infections in 5 years and at least 90% reduction in 10 years.

- Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible.
- Treat** the infection rapidly and effectively to achieve sustained viral suppression.
- Prevent** new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).
- Respond** quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.




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### Update – HIV Treatment

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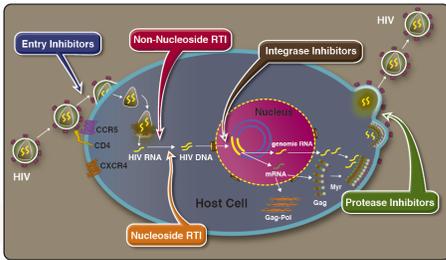
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## Antiretroviral Mechanism of Action



[http://depts.washington.edu/nwaetc/Pill\\_Chart.pdf](http://depts.washington.edu/nwaetc/Pill_Chart.pdf)

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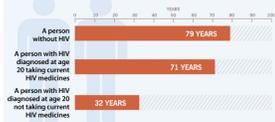
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## Treatment Goals

- Maximally and durably suppress plasma HIV RNA
- Restore and preserve immunologic function
- Reduce HIV-associated morbidity and prolong the duration and quality of survival
- Prevent HIV transmission  
"Treatment as Prevention"

### HIV Medicines Help People with HIV Live Longer (Average years of life)



SOURCE: National Vital Statistics Reports, 2012; PLoS One, 2015 and Journal of the American Medical Association, 1993.



[www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/HIV/AIDS-medical-care](http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/HIV/AIDS-medical-care)



<https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/guidelines/html/1/adult-and-adolescent-arv/9/treatment-goals>

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## Considerations When Starting Antiretroviral Therapy

- Who to start on antiretroviral therapy-
  - Now DHHS, WHO and IAS-USA all recommend starting ART in everyone diagnosed with HIV irrespective of their CD4 count
- When to start antiretroviral therapy –
  - Now DHHS, WHO and IAS-USA all recommend starting ART as soon as possible
  - Rapid start or initiating ART on same day as HIV is diagnosed is an emerging strategy to **reduce loss to follow-up and decrease time to viral suppression**
- What antiretroviral to start
- When to switch antiretroviral therapy
- What to switch to




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### What Antiretroviral Therapy to Start –Considerations:

- Viral load and CD4 count
- HIV resistance test result
- Drug interactions
- Potential side effects
- Pill burden
- Access and Cost




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### Recommended Initial Regimens for Most People With HIV

| Class | DHHS <sup>[1]</sup>   | IAS-USA <sup>[2]</sup>  |
|-------|---|---|
| INSTI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BIC/FTC/TAF*</li> <li>▪ DTG/ABC/3TC*</li> <li>▪ DTG + (FTC or 3TC)/(TAF or TDF)</li> <li>▪ RAL + (FTC or 3TC)/(TAF or TDF)</li> <li>▪ DTG/3TC**</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BIC/FTC/TAF*</li> <li>▪ DTG + FTC/TAF, TDF/FTC or 3TC</li> <li>▪ DTG/3TC***</li> </ul> |

\*Single tablet regimens  
 \*\* (if HIV VL < 500,000, no hepatitis B infection and genotype shows no resistance – do not use for rapid start prior to testing results)  
 \*\*\* not for rapid start and CD4 <200




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### Example of Studies of Recommended INSTIs as First-Line ART Regimens

| Trial                   | INSTI Regimen        | Comparator          | Wks | Results     | Outcome vs Comparator |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----|-------------|-----------------------|
| GS-1489 <sup>[1]</sup>  | <b>BIC/FTC/TAF</b>   | DTG/ABC/3TC         | 96  | 88 vs 90%   | Noninferior           |
| GS-1490 <sup>[2]</sup>  | <b>BIC/FTC/TAF</b>   | DTG + FTC/TAF       | 96  | 84 vs 86%   | Noninferior           |
| SINGLE <sup>[3]</sup>   | <b>DTG + ABC/3TC</b> | EFV/FTC/TDF         | 144 | 71 vs 63%   | Favors INSTI          |
| FLAMINGO <sup>[4]</sup> | <b>DTG + 2 NRTIs</b> | DRV + RTV + 2 NRTIs | 96  | 80 vs 68%   | Favors INSTI          |
| SPRING-2 <sup>[5]</sup> | <b>DTG + 2 NRTIs</b> | RAL + 2 NRTIs       | 96  | 81 vs 76%   | Noninferior           |
| GEMINI <sup>[6]</sup>   | DTG + 3TC            | DTG plus TDF/FTC    | 96  | 86 vs 89.5% | Noninferior           |

- No resistance mutations (INSTI or NRTI) in treatment naive studies of dolutegravir
- Rates of discontinuation for AEs numerically lower with INSTIs vs PIs or NNRTIs
- Modest difference in adverse events between arms in head-to-head comparisons of dolutegravir with bicitegravir if dolutegravir given with abacavir

1. DA Wohl et al. Lancet HIV 6 (6), e355–e363. Jun 2019. 2. HJ Stellbrink et al. Lancet HIV 6 (6), e364–e372. Jun 2019. 3. Walmsley. JAIDS. 2015;70:515. 4. Molina. Lancet HIV. 2015;2:e127. 5. Raffi. Lancet Infect Dis. 2015;15:927. 6. Cohen. IAS 2019. Abstr. WEAB0404LB.




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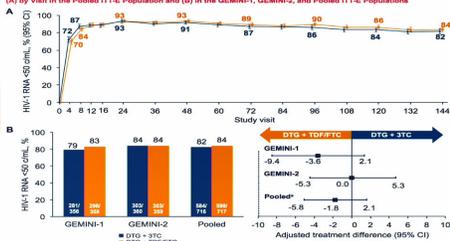
## Dual therapy

- GEMINI-1,-2 and TANGO: Virologic Outcomes With DTG + 3TC as Initial or Switch Therapy
- GEMINI-1,-2: Initial therapy with DTG + 3TC noninferior to DTG + TDF/FTC for primary endpoint of HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL
- TANGO: Switch to DTG/3TC noninferior to continued TAF-based ART for primary endpoint of HIV-1 RNA ≥ 50 c/mL



## Gemini-1 and -2: 144 week data

Figure 2. Snapshot Analysis of the Proportion of Participants With Plasma HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL Through Week 144 (A) by Visit in the Pooled ITT-E Population and (B) in the GEMINI-1, GEMINI-2, and Pooled ITT-E Populations



- 716 and 717 participants per arm 2- vs. 3- drugs
- Only 23 and 21 participants with HIV RNA ≥ 50 at week 144 or at discontinuation
- 109 and 97 participants missing data or discontinued while suppressed
- Fewer drug-related AE 20% vs. 27% with 2 drugs
- Weight change: 3.7 vs. 2.4 kg 2 vs. 3-drug therapy
- Renal and bone markers favor 2-drug therapy
- Withdrawal – renal related 2 vs. 12 participants

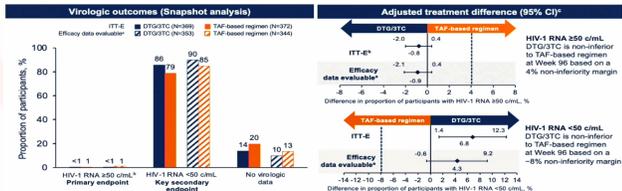


Dolutegravir Plus Lamivudine Versus Dolutegravir Plus Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate and Emtricitabine in Antiretroviral-Naive Adults With HIV-1 Infection (GEMINI-1 and GEMINI-2): Week 48 Results From Two Multicountry, Double-Blind, Randomised, Non-Inferiority, Phase 3 Trials, Lancet 2019 Jan

## Tango

### TANGO 96 week Data: Switch TAF-based to DTG/3TC

No h/o virologic failure, no previous INSTI or NRTI resistance or HBV, approx. 79% INSTI, 13% NNRTI and 8% on PI, median time on therapy almost 3 years



\* In the per-protocol population, superiority was demonstrated with 0/348 participants in the DTG/3TC group and 4/351 (1%) in the TAF-based regimen group with HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL at Week 96 (adjusted difference, -1.1%, 95% CI, -2.3% to -0.05%)



Vari WJ et al. ClinExpImmunol 2020

## How Commonly Will 2 drugs Be Used

- Multiple unboosted combinations approved or in development ( DTG/3TC, DTG/ RPV and cabotegravir/RPV )
- Few differences yet in AE or long term outcomes
- No substantial cost differences
- Fewer metabolic effects – no TAF?




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## Effect of Switching ART on Weight and Metabolic Changes

| Study  | Switch                       | Weight/Metabolic Changes   |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| <b>OPERA (observational)</b><br>Mallon AIDS 2020, OAB0604  | TDF to TAF                   | 2-4.5 kg/yr; greatest in those also switching to newer INSTI (DTG, BIC)  |
| <b>TRIO (observational)</b><br>McComsey, IDWeek, 2020, LB7 | TDF or ABC to TAF            | Greater weight gain after switching from TDF to TAF than after switching from ABC to TAF                               |
| <b>TANGO (randomized)</b><br>van Wyk AIDS 2020 #0606       | TAF-based regimen to DTG/3TC | Weight: no difference<br>DTG/3TC: Improved lipids, insulin resistance, especially after switching from boosted regimen |



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## When to switch antiretroviral therapy ?

- Adverse events,
- Drug-drug or drug-food interactions
- Pill burden, cost, simplification
- Virologic failure




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### Long acting antiretrovirals – cabotegravir

- Integrase inhibitor similar to dolutegravir
- Similar resistance profile
- Initially will require an oral lead in
- Injected into Gluteus Medius
- Exciting -Nanotechnology formulation : SC and IM injections
- Safety- mostly injection site reactions and nodules with SC dosing
- Phase 1,2 and 3 completed
- RPV long acting needs cold chain




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### Cabotegravir: Phase 3 trials

| Study (reference)                             | Study population                                       | Design  | Result (week 48)  |
|---|--|---|---|
| FLAIR<br>Orkin<br>NEJM 2020;382:1124-1135     | Rx-naïve adults (N=629)                                | ABC/3TC/DTG X 20 wks → CAB + RPV (oral X 4 wks, then IM monthly) or continue oral regimen (non-inferiority Δ6%) | VS >93%; CAB + RPV <b>non-inferior</b> to oral regimen<br><br>Glasgow 2020: 144 wks |
| ATLAS<br>Swindells<br>NEJM 2020;382:1112-1123 | Adults with VS on 2 NRTI + PI, NNRTI, or INSTI (N=616) | continue ART or change to CAB + RPV (oral X 4 weeks, then IM monthly) (non-inferiority Δ6%)                     | VS >92%; CAB + RPV <b>non-inferior</b> to oral regimen<br><br>Glasgow 2020: 96 wks  |
| ATLAS-2M<br>Overton<br>CROI 2020 Abstract 34  | Adults on SOC ART or CAB + RPV LA with VL <50 (N=1045) | CAB 400 + RPV 600 LA IM q4 wks or CAB 600 + RPV 600 LA IM q8 wks (non-inferiority Δ4%)                          | VS >93%; CAB + RPV q8 wks <b>non-inferior</b> to q4 wks                             |

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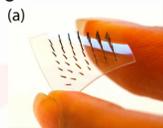
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### Drugs in the Pipeline

- CAB – Prodrug in Rhesus Macaques – Nano formulated
- Has extended release Q6 month dosing
- Cabotegravir – Micro needle Patches




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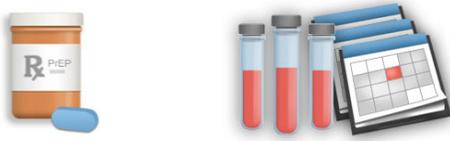
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## Pre-exposure Prophylaxis



**PrEP IS AN HIV PREVENTION METHOD IN WHICH PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE HIV INFECTION TAKE A PILL DAILY TO REDUCE THEIR RISK OF BECOMING INFECTED**

**ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE HIV-NEGATIVE SHOULD USE PrEP. A NEGATIVE HIV TEST IS REQUIRED BEFORE STARTING PrEP AND THEN EVERY 3 MONTHS WHILE TAKING PrEP.**

AETC <sup>an essential</sup> <sub>Southwest</sub> <sup>to</sup> <sub>every</sub> <sup>person</sup> <sub>with</sub> <sup>HIV</sup> <sub>infection</sub> <http://aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/prevention/reduce-your-risk/pre-exposure-prophylaxis>

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## Why PrEP?

- Estimated 50,000 new HIV infections each year in the US
  - No cure
  - No effective vaccine yet
- In multiple studies, there is a significantly decreased risk of HIV acquisition in those who took PrEP consistently

| Transmission Route | Effectiveness Estimate | Interpretation   |
|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| Sexual             | ~99%                   | Very high levels of adherence to PrEP ensures maximum effectiveness.   |
| Injection drug use | 74% - 84%              | These estimates are based on tenofovir alone and not necessarily when taken daily. The effectiveness may be greater for the two-drug oral therapy and if used daily. |

CDC.gov. PrEP FAQs. Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/clinicians/prevention/prep.html>. Accessed 12.15.2019.

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### ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ADULTS WHO COULD POTENTIALLY BENEFIT FROM PrEP, UNITED STATES, 2015

|  | Gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men | Heterosexually active adults | Persons who inject drugs | Total by race/ethnicity |
|--|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Black/African American, non-Hispanic                 | 309,190   | 164,660                      | 26,490                   | 500,340                 |
| Hispanic/Latino                                      | 220,760   | 46,580                       | 14,920                   | 282,260                 |
| White, non-Hispanic                                  | 238,670   | 36,540                       | 28,020                   | 303,230                 |
| <b>Total who could potentially benefit from PrEP</b> | <b>813,970</b>                                    | <b>258,080</b>               | <b>72,510</b>            | <b>1,144,550</b>        |

Notes: PrEP=pre-exposure prophylaxis; data for "other race/ethnicity" are not shown

 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Smith, DK, et al. CROI 2018, March 4-7, Boston, MA, USA

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### Ready, Set, PrEP

- Launched by the US Department of Health and Human Services on 12/3/19
- To qualify, patients must:
  - test negative for HIV
  - have a valid prescription from a healthcare provider
  - not have prescription drug coverage
- Beginning no later than March 30, 2020, patients may obtain PrEP through CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid or mail order all at no cost
- <https://www.getyourprep.com/> or 855-447-8410
- [HIV.gov](http://HIV.gov) Locator



**Ending the HIV Epidemic**  
**READY SET PrEP**

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### HPTN 083- PrEP with IM CAB vs TDF/FTC

- Phase 3 randomized double blinded HIV PrEP international study
- Study population : High risk adult MSM/TGW ( n=4750)
- Study population 67% 30 years
- 12 % TGW
- Cabotegravir oral lead in 5 weeks ->IM q2 months vs TDF/FTC po daily

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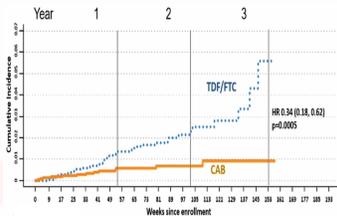
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### HPTN 083- PrEP with IM CAB vs TDF/FTC

- Results :
- DSMB stopped study early
- New HIV infections 13 ( CAB ) vs 39( TDF/FTC )
- HIV incidence 0.41(CAB) vs 1.22( TDF/FTC )

Conclusion CAB non inferior and superior




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